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1970M

"Fall 1910"

FRENCH DIPLOMATS WIN WAR!

TURKISH DEFENSES CRUMBLE

FRANCO-RUSSIAN ALLIANCE
HELD DECISIVE

FRANCE ASSUMES PROTECTORATE
OVER ITALY AND GERMANY

FOOD SHORTAGE EXPECTED IN POLLUTIDAR

FRANCE (Strayer): A St.P; A Livonia, F Bar, F Bal, F Den, F Kie, A Ruh,
A Bur, & A Tus hold; A Mun & A Pic S A Tyr; A Tyr S GERMAN A Tri;
F Ion-Gro; F Aeg S F Ion-Gre; F Bul(s.c.) S F Ion-Gre; F Eas-Ion.

GERMANY (Barents): A Tri S RUSSIAN A Gal-Bud.

ITALY (Walker): F Apu & F Nap S FRENCH F Ion; A Ven S GERMAN A Tri.

RUSSIA (Leinhos): A Gal-Bud; A Vie S A Gal-Bud; A Ukr-Rum; A Sev S A
Ukr-Rum; A Con-Ank; A War-Mos; F Ber holds; A Sil S F Ber.

TURKEY (Burloy): A Ser-Bul; F Bla S A Ser-Bul; A Rum S A Ser-Bul; F Gre
holds; F Adr-Ion; A Bud S A Rum.

Underlined moves are not possible. France retreats F Bul(s.c.)-Con and Turkey retreats F Gre-Alb, A Bud-Sor, A Rum-Gal. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

FRANCE: Bel, Bro, Con, Den, Edi,
Gre, Hol, Kie, Liv, Lon, Mar,
Mun, Nor, Par, Por, St.P, Spa,
Swe, Tun. (19)

ITALY: Nap, Rom, Ven. (3)

RUSSIA: Ank, Ber, Bud, Mos, Rum,
Sev, Smy, Vie, War. (9)

TURKEY: Bul. Ser. (2)

GERMANY: Tri. (1)

FRANCE: 111, 117
 Franco may build three new units and Russia may build one. Turkey must remove four units. This gives France an absolute majority of all units on the board, even if no new builds are made. France, played by Robert L. Strayer, is accordingly the winner of postal Diplomacy game 1970M.

This game is one of the six that were opened in January and February of 1970. It is the third to be completed, the first being the "New Yorkers' game" 1970AG, which proceeded at the rate of a move a week and was ended by August. The second was 1970D, which ended in November. In both the previous games Turkey was victorious: in "Fall 1905" in 1970AG (John Beshara) and in "Fall 1907" in 1970D (George Grayson).

A fuller analysis of 1970M will appear in a future issue. For the time being, the supply center chart and roster appear below. The supply center chart indicates how many supply centers each country controls at

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1970BQ

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"Fall 1903"

FOUR-POWER ALLIANCE SMASHES RUSSIA

ENGLAND (Beshara): A Norway-St.P; F Bar-Norwegian Sea; F Swe holds; F Mid-Spa(s.c.); F Por S F Mid-Spa(s.c.).

FRANCE (Tretick): A Mar-Pic; F Lyo S A Mar-Pic; A Pic-Bro; A Par-Bro; A Spa-Mar.

GERMANY (Ver Ploeg, vice G. Jones): A Sil-War; A Bur-Mar; A Pic S A Bur-Mar; F Liv S ENGLISH A Norway-St.P; A Bel-Pic; A Mun-Tyr.

ITALY (Gletty): A Tyr-Ven; F Adr S F Ion; F Ion S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN F Alb-Gre; A Ven-Tus.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Mischol): A Ser-Rum; A Gal S A Ser-Rum; F Tri-holds; A Vie S F Tri.

RUSSIA (Childers): F Fin-St.P(s.c.); F Bul(e.c.)-Bla; F Rum S F Bul(e.c.)-Bla; A Sev holds; A Ukr S A Sev.

TURKEY (Vest): A Arm-Sev; F Bla S A Arm-Sev; F Con-Bul(e.c.); F Aog & A Gre S F Con-Bul(e.c.).

Underlined moves are not possible. France retreats A Spa-Gas. The German A Pic and the Russian F Rum & F Bul(e.c.) are annihilated. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edi, Liv, Lon, Nor, Por, ITALY: Nap, Rom, Tun, Ven. (4)

St.P, Spa, Swe. (8)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Rum, Ser, Tri,

FRANCE: Bro, Par. (2)

Vie. (5)

GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Den, Hol, Kie, RUSSIA: Mos, Sev. (2)

Mar, Mun, War. (8)

TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Gro, Smy. (5)

England and Germany may each build three new units, and Austria-Hungary may build one. Russia must remove one unit, and France must remove three. The deadline for these "Winter 1903" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 5 JUNE 1971.

Press releases begin on p. 6.

1970E

"Spring 1912"

ENGLAND GIRDS FOR FINAL BATTLE

ENGLAND (Gletty): F North Atlantic-Iri; A Liv-Yor; F Wal-Lon; F Swe-Norway; F Norwegian Sea-North Sea.

GERMANY (Tang): F Den S ENGLISH F Norwegian Sea-North Sea.

ITALY (Beshara): A Ser-Bud; A Gal S A Ser-Bud; A Gre-Ser; A Boh & A Vie S A Gal; F Aog-Con; A Ven-Tri; A Mun-Tyr; A Bur-Mun; A Ruh S A Bur-Mun; A Bel-Bur; F Pic-Bel; F Mid-Iri; F Eng-North Sea; F North Africa-Mid; F Wes S F North Africa-Mid; A Hol S GERMAN F Den.

RUSSIA (Burley): F St.P(s.c.)-Bot; A Pru-Bor; A Sil-Ber; A Kie-Den; A Fin-Swe; A Con S A Smy; A Smy S A Con; A Rum S F Bul(e.c.); F Bul(e.c.) S A Rum; A Mos S A War; A War S A Mos.

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1912" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 5 JUNE 1971. All present and past players in 1970E should check the list of subscribers on p. 9, since this game is clearly going to end soon, and a number of GRAUSTARK subscriptions will end with it.

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PLEASE NOTE: Changes of address in GRAUSTARKs #236-239 for Buddy Tretick, Richard Locke, Jerry Model, and Duane Loinhos.

1970BB

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"Fall 1906"

GERMANY: POLITICS OF UPHEAVAL

ENGLAND (Lasky): F Yor-Edi; F Norwegian Sea holds.

FRANCE (Mischel): F North Atlantic holds; F North Sea S GERMAN F Den; A Bur S GERMAN A Mun; A Mar-Pie; F Lyo-Tyr; F North Africa-Tun; F Wes S F North Africa-Tun.

GERMANY (Isby): A Kie S A Mun; F Den & A Mun S A Kie.

ITALY (Comber): A Ber-Kie; A Pie-Mar; F Tyr S F Tun; F Tun S F Tyr; R Rom S F Tyr.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Nierenberg): A Tyr-Mun; A Boh & A Sil S A Tyr-Mun; F Ion S ITALIAN F Tun; F Aeg, A Bul, & A Rum hold.

RUSSIA (Shuldiner): A Con holds; F Smy S A Con; A Sev-Ukr; A War-Ukr; A Pru-Ber; F Bal S ITALIAN A Ber-Kio; F Ska-Den; A Swe S F Ska-Den; F Norway-North Sea; A Fin-Norway.

Underlined moves are not possible. Germany retreats F Den-Hel; A Kie-Hol; A Mun-Ruh. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edi, Lon. (2)

ITALY: Kie, Nap, Rom, Tun, Ven. (5)

FRANCE: Bel, Bre, Liv, Mar, Par, Por, Spa. (7)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Bul, Gre, Mun, Rum, Scr, Tri, Vie. (8)

GERMANY: Hol. (1)

RUSSIA: Ank, Ber, Con, Den, Mos, Nor, St.P, Sev, Smy, Swe, War. (11)

Germany must remove two units. Austria-Hungary and Russia may each build one new unit. These adjustments must be phoned to Gamesmaster Beshara immediately. Deadline for "Spring 1907" moves is 6 PM, MONDAY 31 MAY 1971.

BOOBS PRESS (All the Weather News Sexy Enough to Print): Hawley Blvd., San Diego, swishing:

Mirror, mirror, on the wall, who's the fairest of us all?

Hocus, pocus, golly gee, why, it's really Rodnic!

Bitch of the West, boiling the brew,

A-cookin's up her liar's stew,

Rushing-rushing, and it's ALL goo.

1970W

"Winter 1909"

FRANCE (Vost): Builds F Bre.

ITALY (Ward): Builds A Rom.

GERMANY (McCallum): Builds A Kio.

RUSSIA (Salcedo): Removes A Sev.

The deadline for "Spring 1910" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 5 JUNE 1971. Press releases are on p. 5.

THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH

HERB BARENTS: John, why do you preach peace But yet Ask for the death of Calley? Yes Calley is guilty But death is not the means. Imprisonment with psychic care is best. The Whole military & Justice system Needs change, the death of one won't help.

((I see no reason why an opponent of war must also necessarily oppose capital punishment; as Paul Krassner observed during a comparable controversy almost a decade ago, "Notice how all the Caryl Chessman fans finked out on Adolf Eichmann?" There seems to be a belief that prison systems are for rehabilitation, but no evidence for this belief exists in practice. William Calley has murdered at least 22 people, with malice aforethought and under circumstances that no civilian court could call anything

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POSTAL SAVINGS

A week ago "temporary" postal rates became effective under the "postal corporation" plan. Since in government there is nothing so durable as the temporary, we can expect that these rates will be with us at least as long as the ones they replaced - some three years, let us say.

One unpublicized feature of the new rates is that the government has abandoned its plan to phase out air mail in favor of an all-purpose first-class mail which will go by air or surface mail depending upon which is faster. Contrary to the statement made in LEFTOVERS #4 at the time of the 1966 rate increase, we can expect to have air mail with us for some time. Furthermore, if the letter is going over 300 miles, some saving of time might be accomplished with air mail. All active players in GRAUSTARK games will receive GRAUSTARK by air mail, unless they live in Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, or one of the states north or east of these.

Another little-stressed aspect of the postal regulations is that any surface or air first class mail weighing less than one pound travels at a maximum of \$1.00, and will get air mail handling.

The new postal rates are listed below for gradations in ounces up to one pound. "Third class" is printed matter weighing one pound or less.

POSTAL RATES (in cents)

number of ounces	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
1st class, domestic																
surface	8	16	24	32	40	48	56	64	72	80	88	96	100	100	100	100
air	11	22	33	44	55	66	77	88	99	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1st class, foreign*	13	21	29	37	45	53	61	69	77	85	93	101	109	117	125	133
3rd class, domestic	8	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26	28	30	32	34	36
3rd class, foreign	6	6	10	10	14	14	18	18	22	22	26	26	30	30	34	34

* - These rates are for surface mail. Air mail rates, computed by the half-ounce, vary depending on destination.

In addition, domestic surface postcards are 6¢ and domestic air post cards are 9¢. Overseas surface postcards are 10¢ while overseas air postcards and aerogrammes are 15¢. These last are the only overseas rates to be charged except for air mail to Europe and North Africa, which is up from 20¢ to 21¢ per half ounce. Mail to Canada and Mexico goes at domestic rates.

Special delivery is up from 45¢ to 60¢. However, this should be of little interest. It is general knowledge by now that special delivery saves no time whatsoever, and may easily result in delaying the letter.

1970J

"Winter 1911"

Following "Fall 1911" moves, France retreats F Swe-Bal. The French army dislodged from Berlin has no retreat and is annihilated.

ENGLAND (Richard Miller): Builds F Edi,
F Liv, A Lon.

ITALY (Comber): Builds A Ven.

RUSSIA (Grayson): The last Russian army
in Livonia is removed.

FRANCE (Locke): Removes F Bal, F Bar.

The deadline for "Spring 1912" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 5 JUNE 1971.

PARIS: Vive la France! Se La Guerre!

GALICIA (AFP): England's surprise attack on France points to the future. He must attack Italy or German held land to win. The enemy is not so much International Combor-nism but Miller's England.

LONDON: England declares her loyalty to Germany. Long live the Kaiser!

BORE-A-BORE-A: Sir Rodney the Squawkor, Paladin of Propaganda, Cavalier of Canard, and Viscount of Verbosity revealed the reasons for his war against the Arabs. Said Rod-

ney, "I gave them every chance to kneel in veneration and kiss my feet but they rejected the honor. Furthermore, they still pray to Mecca and not San Diego. Therefore, I declare them anathema along with all others who refuse to kiss the 'holy' foot and worship me. Those who do not grovel before me must be drowned in verbiage until they submit."

1970W - PRESS RELEASE

ROME: The Italian Government considers the English attack upon the Italian Mid-Atlantic Fleet to be an act of war. War therefore is declared to exist between the Italian Empire and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Wales. So there Rod.

1970M - PRESS RELEASES

((The second half of the Italian press release printed in the last issue appears below. Space considerations forced this postponement. The press release is datelined: "Dordogne, 13 April 1910".))

"Yes," agreed Lucretia, "but right now we need help. We need to hide. Are there any caves nearby?"

"Caveth? Of courthe there are caveth!! And there are thome of the motht doli-thiouth batth in thome of them..."

"Arab soul food. Bats. Probably goes to their heads." Leroy grimaced.

"Which way?" asked Desperatus.

"There," pointed ibn-Asherba, posturing.

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The way to the caves ran over a ravine. As they neared the bridge, ibn-Asherba suggested some Diplomacy to while away the time. But when told he wouldn't be allowed to win in advance, he began to scream and hop up and down again...and hopped right off the bridge. "Yaaaaa-a-a-a-a-a-a-a-a-a-yahhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhh!" he screamed on the way down. "I know there was something phoney about him," said Lucretia. Just then, Dickmiller Gollum was jerked off the bridge by the string which tied him, ibn-Asherba, and plunged into the ravine after him.

O At
P Great
E Intervals
R This
A Appears
T To
I Inflame
O Optic
N Nerves

Thus it was that the three fugitives came to the Caves of Dordogne, whose full depth no man knew.

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MESSINA, SICILY (via Paris): By order of King Leroy the Boy another membrane has been stretched over the opening in the top of Mt. Etna. Now, for all practical purposes, Mt. Etna is nothing more than a giant tid tirpani. The idea is to introduce classical music into Pollutidaroan culture. Day and night drummers pound away at the tirpani that is Mt. Etna so that Honj the Horny might enjoy the "William Tell Overture"....Tiddy boom, tiddy Boom! Tiddy BOOM! - BOOM! - BOOOOM!!

DORDOGNE (13 Sept. 1910): Having found their way to the Caves of Dordogne our fugitives three, Leroy, Lucretia, and Desperatus, have remained hidden there throughout the summer. During the summer months they had become quite proficient at surviving as cave dwellers. Desperatus kept a herd of goats, Lucretia took up housekeeping, and Leroy made night raids on nearby villages.

Returning from one of his night raids Leroy heard the sounds of many voices issuing forth from the mouth of the cave.

"Who dat?" shouted Leroy.

"Who dat?" echoed an unfamiliar voice.

"Who dat say who dat when I say who dat!"

"Honj the Horny, Emperor of Pollutidari!"

"Honj...that be Pollutidarian fo' 'John', don't it?"

"Don't get wise!" commanded the voice. "Come into the cave, there is no escape for you now."

A quick backward glance verified that escape was indeed impossible as the area was literally swarming with Horib cavalry. No choice now but to enter the cave. What had become of Lucretia and Desperatus? What is in store for Leroy?? What indeed!!!

TRIEST: Beorgarden #455: S.P: "We have been drinking too long, time has come for us to conquer the world! We have Leroy the Boy & the rest and they've drunken themselves into fat we'll Bring the whole world here to grow fat now on with it Boys"...But none could get up.

PLNRTZ, SLOVENIA (URRP): This morning the Voyvod of this little Slavic town (named in the 12th century by Arbogast the Ardent following his first sip of the local slivo-vitz) was shocked to see eight large reptilian beings emerge from the well in the town square. Although skin grew over their eye-bulges, these creatures seemed quite able to find their way around with their other senses.

Speaking through a human interpreter they had brought with them, the reptiles identified themselves as a squad of Coripi infantry from the Tribe of Obb, of the Pollutidarean island of Amlocap. They asked directions to Trieste and, receiving them, marched out of town. According to their leader, a corpse-white Coripi seven feet tall named Yulch, their chief has a recipe for Germans Boiled in Beer which he wishes to try for the tribe's next feast. Pollutidarean intelligence servicos had indicated that all the needed supplies for this dish were to be found in Trieste.

CRO-MAGNON, FRANCE (URRP): A horde of cave men from the Pollutidarean tribes of Suvi, Sari, and Amoz returned to the caverns of their ancestors to hunt out throe Outer Crust fugitives. Although the search was delayed by the doath of the expeditions track-or, a saber-toothed tarag-man who had been killed in a squabble with threo Sarians, their commander Shagg the Hairy One felt sure that the Outer Crusters would soon be found.

"Duh only thing whut might delay us," he is said to have reported back to Emperoar Honj the Horny by a Mahar courier, "is deso dumb Suvians whut couldn't find uh mammoth in uh privy." Unfortunately, those words were overheard by one of his Suvian troops, who replied by knocking Shagg's head off and cramming it down the throat of his Sogoth interproter. Twelve Sarians and nine Suvians were slain in the subsequent battle.

The Emperoar was reportedly overjoyed by this news. "We understand," he told a meeting of the Representative Diot, "that these throe fugitives are being hunted by other Outer Crusters. With those divisions in their ranks, our victory is assured!"

1970J - LATE PRESS RELEASE

BORE-A-BORE-A: Rodney the Squawker, Baron of Banality, Gladiator of Garrulity, and Marquis of Mudslinging, today told the press his strategy in his "Holy" war against the Arabs. Said the infamous Rodney, "I don't have a single rational argument on my side. Hence, I must resort to low, vile, personal attacks on the Arabs to mask my lack of facts and reason."

1970BQ - PRESS RELEASES

BERLIN: The cunning Kaiser Ling has emerged as the leader of all of us. Our noble leader, called "Cunning Lingus" as a contraction by all his friends, of which there are many, vowed not only to end the hateful war in Europe, time line BQ, but to put some life in the press releases, which have been a little lethargic of late. Kaiser Cunnig-lingus is in charge here for a brief stint of only a few years, and will then return to his \$400,000 a year job as head serviceman of the "Wonder-of-the-World" hotel for rich young lovelies in Geneva. In the meantime, he sullenly stared at reports of the war, and licked his eyebrows. "There are better things to do than fight," he mumbled, as 26 of his advisers giggled and writhed their very comely bodies as closely against him as possible. Being a very firm supporter of the Lib movement, the Kaiser has hired as many as possible on the limited state funds left behind by the last premier.

GENEVA: The International Council of Churches expressed horror at the selection of the new German leader. "It's entirely too much of a change from the sympathetic treatment we received from Germany before!" according to the official statement. Is a hedonistic heretic to control the destinies of the "Black Herdös"? It was much feared, according to the rumors, that the hearts of the men would become as black as their uniforms,

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THINGS

In recent weeks various people have asked me to make one announcement or another in GRAUSTARK. Since more space seems to be available in this issue than has been open in the recent ones, I'll summarize them all here.

Larry Peery, 750 I Avenue, Coronado, Calif. 92118 (714-435-8803) has sent Press Release #1 of the San Diego Dipcon to all Gamesmasters. Despite recent announcements that Dipcon has been cancelled, it is alive and well, and has been scheduled for 26-29 August 1971. It will include not only a Diplomacy Tournament, but also a tournament of Avalon-Hill games, other wargaming activities, and a few tours. Dipcon participants will go to the San Diego Zoo, the US Navy's Amphibious Assault Base, and other places where savage boasts are kept.

"A special effort is being made to get people from the east coast to attend," Peery writes. "We are considering approximately 200 to be our attendance goal and we hope at least 100 of that number will be from the east coast."

East Coast coordinator of the Dipcon is Walt Buchanan, Route 3, Lebanon, Indiana 46052. At this time diligent research is under way to determine what Indiana is on the east coast of. So far, all that has turned up is that Indianapolis was once awarded a baseball franchise in the Pacific Coast League.

Peery urges that potential attendees should write as soon as possible so that transportation and housing arrangements can be begun. On the other side of his Dipcon announcement is a questionnaire for Dipcon registrants.

Rod Walker asks for publicity for two of his multitudinous publications, Erehwon and Zothique. Erehwon has announced a special subscription rate for members of The Diplomacy Association. The regular rate is 7 issues for \$1.00, or 10 for \$1.50, but for TDA members it is 8 issues for \$1.00 or 10 for \$1.25. Published tri-weekly, Erehwon carries 8 postal games, Diplomacy news from all over, Rod Walker's History of Pedoragg, Ahrydd Pedant's History of the Punic Wars, the scintillating poetry of Sonile Quiverlimbs, and some of the best press releases to be found outside GRAUSTARK. (Thus Walker.) Zothique, named after Clark Ashton Smith's tales of a decadent, dying, sorcerous civilization, announces the opening of a new section of Aberration III, a 9-man variant, the "game of the copelless, hopeless, and hapless". If you qualify under one or more of those headings, you can enroll for \$4.00 and play either Ireland, Spain, Burgundy, Sicily, Poland, the Ukraine, the Byzantine Empire, Hungary, or Israel. Circumnavigation of Africa is possible, and units can move east of the Caspian; the entry fee includes maps and rules explaining how all of this is to be done. The entry fee is marked down to \$3.00 if you are a member of TDA, IFW, or NFFFG. For Erehwon or Zothique write to Rod Walker, 5058 Hawley Blvd., San Diego, Calif. 92116.

Buddy Tretick is, for the foreseeable future, back at his address: 3702 Wendy Lane, Silver Spring, Md. 20906. He announces game openings in both regular postal Diplomacy and in Galaxy. Entry fees are \$5.00, which should be paid upon entry.

1970M -- LATE PRESS RELEASES

MOSCOW: The government of Russia has only good will for victorious and defeated allies. We promise excellent treatment to conquered peoples (and request same for our own citizens under foreign control).

ANKARA: It seems that spears wielded by Russian forces removed from Turkish backs are of French make. The Tsar was reported to be hurrying peasants in the production of new arms. Bows and arrows were in short supply.

KOARSAR, POLLUTIDAR (URRP): His Inferial Majesty Honj the Horny, Emperor of Pollutidar, reported to the Representative Diet that recent events in Sicily portended a great increase in imports from Italy into Pollutidar. Principal imports were garlic, tomatoes, olive oil, pasta, peppers, and Italians. The Mahars, Azarians, Coripis, Horibs, and other anthropophagous races are eagerly building Italian restaurants.

"THEY'RE ALL PLOTTING AGAINST ME..."

Conspiracy theories must be like potato chips. Once you start on them, it is apparently hard to stop.

Or such is the tenor of the complaints coming from Rod Walker. In past years he has been supporting the American system of world-wide military alliances on the ground that, though they may lead us into things like the Vietnam war, a Sinister International Communist Conspiracy makes this necessary. Similarly, The Diplomacy Association is now being attacked in Walker publications as a conspiracy by John Beshara and a little group of New Yorkers against Rod Walker in particular, and in general against the (now get this right because I'm going to print its full name only once) National Fantasy Fan Federation Games Bureau Diplomacy Division. (This henceforth will be referred to as the NFFFGDD, or, "Bunchalotters".)

At this stage a little history might be in order. In February John Beshara suggested to me the desirability of a Diplomacy organization. I had generally been opposed to such an idea, since past Diplomacy groups seemed to get bogged down fairly easily in arguments over rating systems or personalities. However, John convinced me that a group to help new players get acclimatized into postal Diplomacy, and to serve as a forum for discussion of the rules, would be useful.

A discussion among John Beshara, Edi Birsan, Dick Miller, and myself on 25 February led to the formal organization of TDA. We agreed at that time to make the membership of the Board as geographically widespread as possible by writing to prominent Diplomacy players and Gamemasters in other parts of the country and enrolling them. This Board would run TDA affairs until the first elections could be held.

On 6 March there was an across-the-board game at my home, which brought out about a dozen local players. John Beshara announced TDA then, and showed a copy of the official announcement which was published a week later.

Anent all this, Rod Walker claims that he was never informed in advance of TDA's founding. Yet John Beshara did in fact send him such an announcement, a week in advance of the general announcement through GRAUSTARK and other publications.

In an article appropriately entitled "The Lurker at the Threshold", Walker has disclosed an alleged "conspiracy" which might be more appropriate to the fiction of the author from which he has borrowed this title. In fact, the whole tone of Walker's writings on TDA remind the Lovecraft enthusiast of some old Lovecraftian New Englander, brooding in a garret about historic wrongs inflicted on his line in 1692, and meditating a supernatural disaster to be released upon his fancied foes.

The facts are rather more mundane. Walker's name was not even mentioned at the meeting at my home on 6 March, or at the earlier meeting at John Beshara's on 25 February. So much for the "conspiracy".

Since its founding, TDA and particularly John Beshara have been very busy in contacting people. A board of directors spanning the country, and representing points of view definitely independent of the New York founders, has been organized; its members are John Beshara, Walt Buchanan, Jerry Model, Brenton Ver Ploeg, and myself. New players have been sought out and brought into the mainstream of postal Diplomacy; these include nothing less than two entire clubs in local high schools. Most of the recent increase in the GRAUSTARK mailing list has been due to TDA activities, and I am sure that other publishers can say the same.

Wazir #1, the first issue of TDA's publication, has provided the sort of service which we had in mind when TDA was founded. Among other things of use to both beginning and advanced players, it announced the availability of photostatic copies of the rules from Walt Buchanan, dis-

cussed the forthcoming rulebook revision, published a list of new players and available game openings, and printed an article on strategy in Diplomacy.

(Wazir is available with TDA membership, which is \$1.00 from John Beshara, Apt. 1021, 155 W. 68th St., New York, N. Y. 10023. A new printing of Wazir #1 from the original stencils has been necessitated by the heavy demand for it.)

There has been some criticism of the slanging which has appeared in GRAUSTARK articles, letters, and press releases between John Beshara and Rod Walker. Since part of this controversy was a refusal by Walker to print Beshara's press releases, I don't want to get into this bag by censoring them. As for articles, Walker and the others who have taken issue with Beshara over his article "Coastal Crawl, Crawling Retreat, Cripes" in GRAUSTARK #235 have publications of their own. They can, and have, taken part in this matter in those 'zines. Let them.

SUBSCRIPTION EXPIRATIONS

Several paid subscriptions will expire in the near future, and in addition 1970M ends in this issue. It is also a reasonable conjecture that 1970E will end in the next issue. So that readers may renew their subscriptions, the issues with which all current paid subscriptions end are listed here. Players in 1970M and 1970E, with the last issue they'll receive on their present subscriptions, are also listed.

239 - Hugh Anderson	242 - Mike Lehtonen	248 - John Singer
Thomas Bray	Conrad Osterwalder	Stephen Tang
Stephen Cairns	Brenton Ver Ploeg	252 - George Heap
Sam Ferris	Chris Wagner	254 - Tony Pandin
Ralph Graves	243 - Terry Kuch	255 - Kenneth Scher
Henry Mockathorn	244 - Jim Carr	257 - Harry Manogg
Duane Leinhos	Pat Casey	260 - Dave King
Robert Strayer	Burton Labello	262 - Robert Lipton
Richard Wile	245 - Jonathan Zeitlin	268 - Earl Modin
240 - James Becker	246 - John Leeder	273 - Howard Latin
Ray Moseloy	Jack Shannon	275 - Eugene Prosnitz
Derek Nelson	247 - John Oliver	283 - James Neale
Thomas Poplawski	248 - Chris Almström	286 - Ed Rack
241 - Harry Manogg	Stephen Marsland	287 - Tom Eller
Michael Monahan		

The Gamesmaster notes that the strong Canadian representation from the early days of postal Diplomacy seems to be coming back; five of the above-listed subscribers are Canadians. However, since local banks refuse to admit that Canadian dollars are real, Canadian subscribers are requested to remit only in U. S. currency or in Canadian postal money orders payable in U. S. dollars.

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"Winter 1903"

1970BN

USE OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE OUTLAWED IN TURKEY!

ENGLAND (Aita): Builds F Lon, F Edi. RUSSIA (Buchanan): Builds A War, F
 FRANCE (Nieronberg): Builds F Mar. St.P(s.c.).
 GERMANY (Salcedo): Removes A Mun, TURKEY (Barcents): Removes F Aeg.
 A Sil.

The deadline for "Spring 1904" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 5 JUNE 1971.
 LONDON: To Italy: England means no hostile act.

ST. PETERSBURG (6 Oct. 1903): Vladimir to the Turkish infidel:
 hwahahahahahaha!

ISSHEMEAL-KEP: MJIX today said "it is the followers of Bustya that
 have caused the civil strife which will make us a second rate power.

HYDUNDERABAD: Hasha has Risen! followers of his said that he was
 among them. "he is higher than he ever was in his life" stated Mulkark
 Mojhad.

ISSHEMEAL KEP: Mulkark Mojhad was eaten in MJIX arena by 35 hungry
 harem girls of Hasha.

HYDUNDERBAD: 50,000 troops march in to find 18,000 lost ones. This
 time Dopes were sent to find dope. At Least they'll come back, if the
 can find the way back.

OJUGRAAIA: Pandit the Pandit said the 18,000 troops are not dead At
 All but it is A mere trick by MJIX to oppress the people. "Hasha's body
 is hang up in MJIX's bedroom and the Harem girls ought to be threatad
 better" Pandit.

ISSMEAL KEP: "The haren girl's place is in the arena, for they are
 annimals giving in to animal drives. We are humans and have no need for
 animal drives. By forsaking these low desires we will not be a second
 rate power! Dragging ourselves from our lowly past we will have God
 shine upon us, and we will win over the other animals of the world be-
 cause we are Superior to all others because we do not heed to Natures
 calls" As soon as MJIX said this he went to the men's room.

OJUGRAAIA: Pandit today Annouced that MJIX is too far from the
 people. "My god, were do you think all the hasha go? Im MJIX's lungs
 that is where! He thinks he so much better, too bad he is only higher!"

ISSHEMEAL KEP: HAREM Girls Riot - take ARNEA. Men flock to see
 Never Leave - The 2nd Love in has started by Loved staved girls - MJIX
 is reported to be in ARNEA

HYDUNDERBAD: Hasha is coming are you! Ready?

ISSEMEAL KEP: Miss Gemignoni (Kown to the Sultan as Peg Board) had
 luch together and discussed how to destroy the writter languages of the
 world but their own.

HYDUNDERABAD (URRP): Bustya, sister of the rebel leader Pandit the
 Bandit, today denied that the Turkish Sulcan Hasha Hisha has risen. "I
 greatly doubt, based on my personal experience, that he is capable of
 rising," she told six exhausted reporters at her brother's secret moun-
 tain camp. "But, if through some totally unprecedented circumstance he
 has really risen, then the Turks are right to make a religious occassion
 out of it. Such an event would certainly be a miracle!"

HYDUNDERABAD (URRP): Maharajah Kamasutra IX today banned from this
 tiny Indian state all Turkish reporters, "for their lack of respect in
 abbreviating Our numerous titles and distinctions to the unseemly letters
 'MJIX'. The Turkish infidels shall not make of Us a four-letter word!"
 He also protested their mis-spelling of his country's name. "It is Hy-
 dunderabad," he said, "and was so called in the Very Beginning when Our
 glorious Realm was founded and ordained by the God Nilpac, Whose name is
 also called al-Kap. It was He, the same who hath Patched the sacred Dog
 in Kentucky, repulsed the peace-loving Undergrads who would otherwise end
 the Holy War, and is wanted for Sodomy in Wisconsin and Alabama!"

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by "res"; players who were dropped for failing to send in moves for two consecutive turns are indicated by "dro". "Out" indicates the turn in which a player's last unit was annihilated. For these purposes, the "Winter" moves are counted as part of the "Fall" moves.

If the players of 1970M wish to tie up the loose ends, they should send in the above-mentioned "Winter 1910" builds and removals. They will be printed in the next issue.

Press releases appear on pp. 5 & 7.

Players in 1970M should consult the information on p. 9 to determine when their subscriptions to GRAUSTARK expire.

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1970M - John Boardman,
 E - Thomas Bray (res S03)
 Richard Locke (out F08)
 F - Robert Strayer (won F10)
 G - Herb Barents
 I - Buddy Tretick (res F02)
 Marty Kirkpatrick
 (res F05)
 Rod Walker
 A - Hugh Anderson (out F07)
 R - Duane Leinhos
 T - Steven Cairns (dro F07)
 Brian Burley

1970D REVISITED

One of the players in 1970D has observed that the promised review of the game has not yet appeared in GRAUSTARK. Unfortunately, it will not appear in this issue either. However, the roster and supply center chart will appear here; a fuller review of the game will have to wait until time is available for it.

	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07
E	3	4	5	8	8	9*	7	7
F	3	4	3	1	1	1	1	
G	3	6	6	6	6	5	6	7
I	3	4	5	7	6	6	3	3*
A	3	4	4	1				
R	4	4	3	2	1			
T	3	5	7	9	12	13	17*	17

1970D - John Boardman
 E - Charles Wells
 F - Ron Salcedo (out F07)
 G - Eugene Prosnitz
 I - Jerry White (dro F06)
 Brian Burley
 A - Sam Ferris (dro F01)
 David Lindsay (out F04)
 R - Karl Wittman (dro F02)
 James Barber (out F05)
 T - George Grayson (won F07)

THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH (continued from p. 3)

but first-degree murder. That such a man is still alive more than three years after his crime makes a mockery of the term "Justice".

((Nor do I adhere to the "Calley is a scapegoat" argument. This is introduced either as a preliminary to "What Calley did was praiseworthy" or to "If we are all guilty, no one person should be punished." On the Nurnberg precedent, the executions should begin with Calley and work their way right up the chain of command as far as any responsibility for the American invasion of Vietnam can be traced.))

JOHN McCALLUM: Nice to hear you have a few good words to say for the later Romanovs. A quiz for you - Catherine rewarded Saltykov with a palace in St. Petersburg. ((That's rather paltry; one of her later lovers was paid off with nothing less than the royal crown of Poland!)) Well, if not a palace in Russian terms it would have been a palace in less lavish lands. What official function did this building ultimately fill?

...Your reply to Walker on his Tretick query rather misses the point. Tretick sent out this set of queries, less clearly phrased, in a circular letter to Walker, myself, and one or two others.

((This letter, printed in #237, was from Tretick. It simply happened to be printed right after a letter from Walker.))

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and the Council urged that all freedom loving people come to the aid of Germany's enemy Franco. French women, however, seemed to welcome the advancing German armies with great enthusiasm, and kept asking about Kaiser (often called Count) Cunningham, who seems to have some sort of unexplained attraction for women.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

Q: "What looks like a Jew, talks like a Panther, and runs like an Arab?"

A: "The Jewish Defense League."

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"I understand Manson. I think he is the product of our society." - William L. Calley Jr., Guardian, 10 April 1971

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"One might say cynically that the ideal solution for the SST is to build it, test it - and not fly it. We could then have the best of both worlds - technology-cum-spin-off-cum-employment but without pollution. It is what we do with nuclear weapons." - Max Lerner, New York Post, 17 May 1971

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"...The newly elected American President, however, inoffensive, is automatically elevated to the rest of the world's list of ten most execrated men. Not many nations in the world can make this claim, and those that can all have active and pervasive foreign policies. Thus the rulers of China, the Soviet Union, and America are shoo-ins for the list. The rulers of France and Great Britain can make it when they bestir themselves to hew out some independent foreign policy line of their own. Otherwise, a head of state has to commit some really barbarous act." - Tom Dowling, Washingtonian, March 1971 (with thanks to Torrey Kuch)

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"Moynihan and Kissinger should exchange jobs - then we could keep our commitments to the American people and transfer that benign neglect to General Thieu." - George McGovern

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"An Ecotov Cocktail...(is) non-degradable detergent mixed with loaded gasoline in a no-deposit, no-return bottle stuffed with a flaming American Flag." - John Wilcock, New York Herald, 16 May 1971

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